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SUBJ: JAPAN AND DRV: MIYAKE VISIT: I - SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTORY
NOTE

SUMMARY: THIS TELEGRAM IS FIRST OF FOUR RELATED MESSAGES WHICH
CONSTITUTE REPORT ON VISIT TO HANOI BY THREE- MAN FONOFF DELE-
GATION. FOUR MESSAGES ARE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS: (I) SUMMARY OF
ENTIRE REPORT PROVIDED BY DELEGATION LEADER, MIYAKE; (II)
ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN- NVN RELATIONS AND GOJ POLICY TOWARD PRG;
(III) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND TRADE; (IV) INTERNATIONAL RE-
LATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. END SUMMARY

1. ON INSTRUCTION OF VICE FONMIN HOGEN, FONOFF 1 ST SEA DIV
HEAD MIYAKE BRIEFED EMBOFFS ABOUT FONOFF DELEGATION' S APRIL
14-21 VISIT TO DRV. MIYAKE SAID ALMOST WHOLE VISIT WAS DEVOTED
TO EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS PRIMARILY WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ACTING PRESIDENT TRAM, WHO HAD AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR GOVERN-
MENT. MIYAKE ALSO MET VICEMIN FONAFFAIRS HOANG AND VICEMIN
FOREIGN TRADE DAO. NORTH VIETNAMESE INTEREST FOCUSED PRIMARILY
UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT,
DRV RAISED THREE ISSUES: (A) USE OF US FORCES IN JAPAN FOR
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SUPPLYING GVN, (B) WWII REPARATIONS, AND (C) JAPAN' S POLICY TOWARD PRG. MIYAKE SAID DRV HAD CONCEDED THAT THESE THREE ISSUES WERE NOT RPT NOT CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONS. MIYAKE TOLD NORTH VIETNAMESE THAT US USE OF BASES IN JAPAN WAS PROVIDED FOR IN US- JAPAN MST WHICH WAS FOUNDATION OF JAPAN' S SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT REPARATIONS ISSUE HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED WITH GVN. WHEN DRV URGED GOJ TREAT GVN AND PRG EQUALLY, MIYAKE SAID THAT GOJ POLICY IS TO RECOGNIZE GVN AS SOLE GOVERNMENT IN SVN, THAT PRG COULD NOT RPT NOT ESTABLISH OFFICE IN JAPAN AND THAT GOJ DECISION CONCERNING ENTRY OF PRG REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE BASED UPON DEGREE OF PROGRESS MADE IN GVN/ PRG TALKS IN PARIS.

2. MIYAKE AGREED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS RE ESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN PARIS BUT NO DATE SET. BASED ON INFORMATION GAINED FROM VISIT, GOJ IS IN POSITION TO FORMULATE QTE OVERALL POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA UNQTE. MIYAKE SAID GOJ NOT IN HURRY AND THAT POLICY DECISIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE AFTER FONMIN OHIRA RETURNS FROM UPCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE (AND POSSIBLY US). MIYAKE RE-ITERATED THAT GOJ WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH USG ON INDO- CHINA ISSUE.

3. MIYAKE SAID DRV HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF RECEIVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN. MIYAKE TOLD DRV THAT JAPANESE AID WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL AFTER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED AND CAUTIONED THAT FULL STUDY OF DRV' S AID REQUESTS AND NVN RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS IS REQUIRED BEFORE AID COMMITMENTS CAN BE MADE. WHEN EMBOFFS ASKED, HE SAID HE HAD TOLD NORTH VIETNAMESE THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE WERE PREMISED UPON ASSUMPTION THAT PARTIES WERE UPHOLDING PARIS PEACE AGREEMENTS. MIYAKE SAID JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN IBRD SPONSORED CG FOR SVN AS WELL AS AID TO NVN STILL UNDER EVALUATION WITHIN GOJ AS PART OF GOJ' S OVERALL POLICY TOWARD INDO CHINA. MIYAKE ALSO DISCUSSED BILATERAL TRADE AND PERSONNEL EXCHANGES WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE.

4. MIYAKE SAID DRV WAS VERY IGNORANT ABOUT PROCEDURES
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FOR OBTAINING AID FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FROM DRV' S QUESTIONS ABOUT IGGI AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE MECHANISMS, MIYAKE GAINED IMPRESSION DRV MIGHT BE WILLING CONSIDER AID THROUGH MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY UN. MIYAKE FELT SOUNDINGS ON RENEWAL OF UNSYG WALDHEIM' S APPROACH MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE.

5. INTRODUCTORY NOTE: FONOFF DELEGATION VISITED NORTH VIETNAM FROM APRIL 14-21. DELEGATION, LED BY MIYAKE, INCLUDED 1 ST SEA DIV' S VIETNAM SPECIALIST (INOUE) AND 1 ST ECON COOP DIV OFFICIAL (UCHIDA). MOST OF DISCUSSIONS WERE WITH DRV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (COC) ACTING PRESIDENT, DINH VAN TRAM. MIYAKE SAID COC APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH UNRECOGNIZED GOVERNMENTS AND THAT TRAM HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF DRV GOVERNMENT. MIYAKE ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF 1 ST ASIA BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRAN THANH, AND MET SEPARATELY WITH VICE MINISTER OF FONAFFAIRS, HOANG VAN TIEN, AND VICEMIN OF FOREIGN TRADE, NGUYEN VAN DAO.

6. MIYAKE INDICATED THAT CONTENTS OF HIS BRIEFING FOR EMBOFFS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR THEIR INFORMATION. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT MIYAKE' S REMARKS BE HELD VERY CLOSELY WITHIN USG.
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